

THE MOTORIST'S ACCIDENT GUIDE

To be stored in the
glovebox of your car.

Use immediately
following an accident.



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Get the following information for each driver and vehicle involved:

DRIVER (Copy from license):

Name _____

License # _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

VEHICLE (Copy from registration and insurance card):

Insurance Co. _____

Policy # _____

Make / Model _____

License Plate _____

Owner (If different from driver) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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Get the following information from the police officer:

Name _____

Badge # _____

Jurisdiction City / County _____

Accident Report Available (Date / Where) _____

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Draw a diagram of the accident, showing position of the vehicles before and after the accident; show direction by arrows.

A large grid area for drawing an accident diagram. The grid is composed of 20 columns and 20 rows of small squares, providing a space for the student to draw the positions of vehicles before and after the accident, and to indicate directions with arrows.

When to Hire a Lawyer

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Make notes of the incident details:

Day / Time of Collision _____

Weather _____

Road Conditions _____

Speed _____

Distance (If measurable or walk it) _____

Comments Heard (Exactly) _____

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Take pictures. Use a disposable camera stored in your glove box, or a cell phone with a camera, take photographs of the accident scene, damage to all the vehicles, skid marks, etc. Make descriptive notes for each photo.

Immediately after an accident, contact a qualified attorney and then contact your insurance company. Answering questions from company representatives and insurance companies can be confusing and, frankly, intimidating.

Having an attorney on your side who knows how to handle the situation will lower stress and confusion. There may be remedies and options you have no way of knowing.

If you feel you can't afford an attorney, call anyway. Contacting legal representation could be the smartest move you make in today's legal climate. If a case isn't closed in proper legal fashion, a lawsuit could arise several years later for which you are unprepared.

Know your rights before you compromise them. Insurance companies have vast experience settling accident claims. Before you make a recorded statement on the phone or sign a waiver, medical authorization, or release any other documents you should consult with a lawyer.

A qualified lawyer can help you obtain medical care, as well as help ensure that your legal rights are protected.

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